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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NIGERIAN CHIEF OF STAFF; GOC LABOR ACCORD WITH  
GABON PRECEDES VISIT LIBREVILLE GOC PRESIDENT MALLOUM

REF: LAGOS 9217; NIAMEY 3696

1. NIGERIAN CHIEF OF STAFF BRIGADIER SHEUHU YAR'ADUA ARRIVED NDJAMENA  
WITH DELEGATION FROM NIAMEY AUGUST 12 FOR 24 HOUR VISIT. AT AIRPORT  
YAR'ADUA STATED PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO EXTEND HAND OF FRIENDSHIP  
TO SISTER REPUBLIC AND TO DELIVER MESSAGE FOR GOC PRESIDENT MALLOUM  
FROM NIGERIAN PRESIDENT. IN REPLY TO NEWSMAN'S QUESTION AS TO  
WHETHER FRONTIER PROBLEM EXISTED BETWEEN NIGERIA AND CHAD, YAR'ADUA  
STATED NO FRONTIER PROBLEM EXISTED. COMMERCE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES  
VERY OLD AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION CONTINUES.

2. ACCORDING TO GOC DAILY NEWS SHEET, AT EVENING DINNER GIVEN BY GOC  
ARMY CHIEF GEN. ODINGAR AND ATTENDED BY SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL VICE  
PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF STATE COL. DJIMO AND OTHER SENIOR GOC  
MILITARY OFFICERS, GEN. ODINGAR REFERRED TO AIRPORT QUESTION ON  
FRONTIER INCIDENT IN "IMPROVISED" TOAST, SAYING THAT OCCASIONALLY SUCH

THINGS HAPPEN AMONG "FAMILIES," BUT THEY CAN BE SETTLED BY RESPONSIBLE  
PEOPLE WITHIN THE FAMILY. ODINGAR SAID CHAD "SATISFIED" WITH  
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CONDITIONS EXISTING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES "BECAUSE NIGERIA IS DISPOSE

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TO AID CHAD TO MAINTAIN THEM." NIGERIAN/CHAD TIES ARE CENTURIES OLD AND POPULATIONS ARE INTERMIXED, AS RESULT OF WHICH TWO COUNTRIES "ARE CONDEMNED" TO LIVE TOGETHER. YAR'ADUA IN RESPONSE SAID " WE ARE ONE PEOPLE," AND THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT INCIDENTS COULD OCCUR WHICH WOULD DIVIDE NIGERIA AND CHAD.

3. IF YAR'ADUA HAD MEETING WITH SMC PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OF STATE MALLOUM, IT WAS NOT ANNOUNCED ON MEDIA.

4. GABONESE DELEGATION LED BY MINISTER LABOR OVONO VISITED NDJAMENA AUGUS 10-13, AND CONCLUDED BILATERAL LABOR ACCORD WHICH PROVIDES THAT WORKERS MUST HAVE APPROVAL APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES BEFORE DEPARTING TO WORK IN OTHER COUNTRY AND THAT EMPLOYER RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LABORER AND HIS FAMILY FROM AND TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AT BEGINNING AND AT CONCLUSION OF CONTRACT. BAGON ALSO AGREED PURCHASE UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT OF MEAT FROM CHAD ON WEEKLY BASIS.

5. PRESIDENT MALLOUM SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR LIBREVILLE AUGUST 15, WHICH WILL BE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL VISIT (CAR, CAMEROON AND SUDAN) SINCE APRIL 1975 MILITARY TAKEOVER AND SECOND (KKNR KHARTOUM) IN TEN DAYS. DWYER

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